

## **Online Training Series: Improving Our Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (ONLINE)**

**Date:** Ongoing

**Location:** Online

**OVSEC-Course #** 0727

**Approved Credit Hours:** 1.0 each

**Act 141 Approved Training %:** 100

**Core Courses:** These trainings may cover the following portion(s) of the Core Requirements for **BASIC** VSPs (see printable overview for more details):

- ☐ 1.0 hour – Ethics/Communication
- ☐ 2.0 hours – Criminal Justice System/Court Procedures
- ☐ 1.0 hour Case Management
- ☐ 1.0 hour – Communication
- ☐ 3.0 hours – Specialized Training

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**There are 10 different trainings included in this series, and they are \$15 per participant/per training. For more information, or to register, please visit: <http://pamelajacobs.com/my-services/onlinecourses/> .**

IMPORTANT: There will be no OVSEC Sign-Out sheets for this is online. The sponsor will provide OVSEC with a list of everyone who participated in this training and their VSP numbers in order for participants to obtain credit.

### **Available Trainings in the Series:**

#### **A New Look at Domestic Violence Dynamics and Solutions (1.0 Specialized Training)**

Examines the dynamics utilized by abusive partners and the barriers encountered by victims of domestic violence, as well as innovative new solutions that victim service providers can utilize to improve our response to this epidemic.

#### **Recognizing and Combating Rape Culture (1.0 Specialized Training)**

Examines the prevalence and causes of sexual assault, the impact sexual assault has on victims and communities, and best practice strategies for combatting and ending this epidemic.

#### **Understanding the Lasting Impacts of Sexual Violence (1.0 Communication)**

Sexual assault survivors often experience symptoms for years after the assault. This training examines these impacts – social, emotional, and physical – and what victim service providers can do to minimize these effects.

#### **Providing Trauma-Informed Responses to Survivors (1.0 Case Management)**

Trauma causes both physical and emotional changes in survivors and often makes it difficult for them to trust service providers. This training will examine best practice strategies for

providing trauma-informed responses, to improve victims' ability to participate in systems and reduce the impacts of trauma.

**Legal Implications of Sexual and Domestic Violence (1.0 Court Procedures)**

Sexual and domestic violence have tremendous impacts on victims, and have serious legal implications. This training will examine criminal and civil issues impacting survivors, including orders of protection, custody, divorce, housing, employment, and the criminal justice response.

**Trauma-Informed Investigative Techniques (1.0 Criminal Justice System)**

Survivors of crime, especially sexual and domestic violence, often have difficulty recalling details about the event, and may also have difficulty trusting investigators and victim service providers. This training will examine innovative trauma-informed techniques, including specific questions and approaches, to improve our investigations and our response to survivors of these crimes.

**Understanding Confidentiality and Ethical Requirements (1.0 Ethics/Confidentiality)**

Examines legal requirements surrounding confidentiality and ethics, in particular as they relate to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as the importance of victim service providers being aware of and honoring these requirements. Also addresses mandated reporting issues and ways to protect survivor safety and privacy.

**Effective Strategies to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence (1.0 Specialized Training)**

At least 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual or domestic violence at some point in their lives. These epidemics are prevalent, but they are not inevitable. Sexual and domestic violence can be prevented. This training examines innovative and best practice strategies for preventing these epidemics.

**Protecting Our Children from Sexual and Domestic Violence (1.0 Specialized Training)**

At least 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before the age of 18 and 15 million children are exposed to an abusive parent each year. Many of our current strategies to protect children are not working and, in fact, often place them in more danger. This training will examine best practice strategies for empowering children and protecting them from violence.

**Holistic Approach to Healing from Trauma and Abuse (1.0 Specialized Training)**

Traditional responses to trauma can be helpful, but survivors often require a more holistic approach to fully heal from sexual or domestic violence. This training will review various forms of holistic and alternative healing modalities that can be utilized to complement existing mental health and advocacy interventions.